

CHAPTER NO. 186

HOUSE BILL NO. 175

By Representative Westmoreland

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1029

By Senator Ramsey

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-301, relative to court-ordered driver education courses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-10-301, is amended by deleting subsection (b) and substituting instead the following:

(b) (1) Any person violating any of the provisions of chapters 8 and 9 of this title and parts 1-5 of this chapter may be required, at the discretion of the court, to attend a driver education course approved by the department of safety in addition to or in lieu of any portion of other penalty imposed. Provided the course is approved by the department, it may be operated and conducted by a:

(A) County, municipality or other entity of local government;

(B) Nonprofit organization as defined by the Internal Revenue Code, 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3); or

(C) Private entity provided such entity meets all of the requirements of § 40-35-302(g) for private entities providing misdemeanor probation supervision services.

(2) A reasonable fee between fifty dollars (\$50.00) and one hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) may be assessed for the driver education or driver improvement course provided on one shall be refused admittance for inability to pay. This fee shall apply only to driver improvement courses which may be required pursuant to this section, and shall not apply to any program offered pursuant to the provisions of title 49, chapter 1, or to any other driving instruction school.

(3) By operating a driver education or improvement course pursuant to the provisions of this subsection, the entity operating or conducting such course consents to the inspection of all records concerning such course by the department of safety; provided that inspection made pursuant to this subdivision shall not preclude inspection of any records pursuant to any other provision of law.

(4) Each court clerk shall provide a list of approved entities in such county to any person ordered to attend a driver education or improvement course.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 3, 2001


JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 10th day of May 2001


DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR